



GORDON UNITING CHURCH



'Love casts out fear'

*We believe that all people
are made in the image of God.*

Notices, 2nd April 2017

We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

Meditation:

We are living in the midst of a global transformation.

In times like these, two things occur:

a sense of breakdown –

and a sense of possibility or breakthrough.

- Joan Chittister, peace activist and writer - USA



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<http://guc.org.au/articles>

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Congregational Meeting today at 11am

Special agenda items include Finance Report; Playgroup Supervisor; Music Mission Consultant and The Organ.

The next meeting of the **Luncheon Group** will be held this Thursday, 6th April at 12 noon at the home of David and Sue Conde, 10 Arilla Road, Pymble. We look forward to seeing you there – please get in touch with Yvonne Dewar, Janet Scott or Sue Conde if you would like help with transport. Janet Scott will be speaking about the Nyngan Super Camp.

Easter services,

Maundy Thursday, 13th April 6pm- Tenebrae service (incl. a light meal) Travelling with Jesus to the cross (Signup sheet outside the office)

Good Friday, 14th April, 9.30am - a quiet reflective service, marking the death of Jesus and remembering his life

Easter Sunday, 16th April, 9.30am - Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection

Another Easter Experience good news story:

For some time, it has been the Reichardt's job to collect greenery and transport it to the church for Easter Experience.

Over recent years the Robinson family provided the transport but Lloyd and Nicola are needed to do more skilled jobs, especially when the weather presented a particular problem for the set-up this year.

What to do? How to get the greenery from the wilderness garden that we have raided for some years now? Into the breach stepped David, from the Messy Church congregation, with car and trailer, tools, tarpaulin, and rope, and from the Korean congregation, Rev Sunil and his son, David, who did a fine job squelching through the sodden and overgrown garden to load the trailer.

I could not believe we could gather and deliver so much between showers! It was almost enjoyable!

It really lifted my heart to have such support so willingly offered from other branches of the church family. - Ailsa Reichardt

Book Club

Please note: As several members are away we will not be meeting in April. Hence, 'The Muse' by Jessie Burton (The Times number 1 best seller!) will be discussed on Tuesday 2 May, 8pm at Lyn and Peter's home.

Our choice for June is 'The Dry' by Jane Harper, who won the 2015 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an unpublished manuscript.

Lent Event:

(More resources available at www.lentevent.com)

Donations to Lent Event this year are contributing to providing water to remote and rural areas in Papua New Guinea. Your donations provide water infrastructure and long term education focussing on change in behaviour around hygiene and sanitation. See the noticeboard for more information.

Beyond Gordon

Equal Voices, Monday 3rd April at Pitt St Uniting Church, 6.30pm

A church organisation, promoting acceptance of gay and lesbian people is being launched tomorrow night by the Hon. Michael Kirby, and will include the offering of a National Apology by Australian Christians to LGBTIQ+ Australians.

For more information please see the noticeboard, or go to the website, <https://equalvoices.org.au/>. (Even if you can't attend you can sign the apology by going to the website.)

2017 Easter Voucher Appeal

As a community, we know that #WeCanDoBetter for refugees and people seeking asylum and making a difference in the life of someone this Easter through the Give Hope Voucher Appeal is a good place to start. Donating a voucher and getting involved is easy- see the noticeboard for details.

The **Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees** is taking place on **Sunday 9th April**. We would love to have a strong Uniting Church presence at this very important event to draw attention to the horrific conditions inside offshore detention centres and the inhumane policies causing harm to refugees in the community. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, starting at 2pm from Hyde Park North and finishing at First Fleet Park,

Anzac, Sat 29th April, 2-5pm

Michael is leading a workshop on exploring the ANZAC myth to be held at "The Grail", North Sydney. More details on the Noticeboard.

Saturday 29th April 2017 - Trivia Night at Pymble Uniting

Our Trivia Night theme will be Child's Play. Come along for the fun and fellowship. Bring your friends. We are linked to Enngonia, Griffith, Bourke and local projects, including Turrumurra High School. Our fundraising gives us opportunities to support the plans made by these communities. Tickets will be available soon. See the noticeboard for more details.

Each week check out our noticeboard for **newsletters** from the Presbytery, Killara and Pymble Uniting.

